

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7 G01N 21/45

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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